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----- B. USNATO 4518, DTG 051614Z MAY 78
----- C. USNATO 4488, DTG 041016Z MAY 78
----- D. USNATO 4512, DTG 051359Z MAY 78
----- E. USNATO 4532, DTG 051837Z MAY 78
----- F. USNATO 4529, DTG 051810Z MAY 78
----- G. USNATO 4514, DTG 051431Z MAY 78

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----- H. USNATO 4387, DTG 290947Z APR 78
----- I. USNATO 4530, DTG 051822Z MAY 78
----- J. USNATO 4402, DTG 291354Z APR 78

FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED BY AGENDA ITEM TO REF A:

-- ITEM IA - PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL

ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS. YOU MAY CONCUR IN THE REPORT.

-- ITEM IB - INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE WITH CNAD REPORT (REF C). YOU SHOULD EXPRESS US DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MANY OF OUR ALLIES CANNOT ACCELERATE THE FIELDING OF INTEROPERABLE TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO 1985;

EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CNAD RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL NATIONS GIVE PRIORITY TO THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC DIGITAL SYSTEMS AND TO THE PROVISION OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE INTERFACES; AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT NATIONS WILL FIND THE MEANS TO ALLOCATE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO EXPEDITE THE INTRODUCTION OF INTEROPERABLE TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

-- ITEM IC - NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. GUIDANCE SEPTEL.

-- ITEM II - FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1979-1984. CONCUR IN MISSION POSITION PARA 2 REF E EXCEPT THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT STATE THAT THE US ACCEPTS THE FORCE GOALS FOR 1979-1984, SINCE ADOPTION OF FORCE GOALS BY DPC DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OCCASION FOR NATIONAL COMMITMENTS. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, FORCE GOALS REPRESENT A COLLECTIVE JUDGEMENT OF WHAT EACH COUNTRY SHOULD DO, TAKING INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE NMA'S, POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL FACTORS, AND TO SOME EXTENT THE VIEWS OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED. IN LIEU OF EXPRESSING US ACCEPTANCE OF FORCE TOALS, AMBASSADOR MAY STATE US APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DRC REPORT SUBMITTED TO PERM REPS (PARA 32, DPC/D(78)3). IN US COUNTRY CHAPTER ITSELF, WE CANNOT ACCEPT IS REVISED DESCRIPTION OF EM-08 AND AM-06. RATIONALE GIVEN BY USREP (PARA 12C, REF J) IS PERSUASIVE. US SUBMARINE DOCKYARDS ARE FULLY COMMITTED AND ANY REFERENCE TO "INCREASED BUILDING RATES" DURING PERIOD IN WHICH TRIDENT BOATS ARE BEING BUILT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC AND COULD RAISE UNWARRANTED EXPECTATIONS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE US WILLINGNESS "TO CONSIDER" OR "TO TRY TO INCREASE" BUT NOT "TO PLAN TO INCREASE" PRODUCTION RATES. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE TOTALLY MISLEADING.

-- ITEM III - INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS REPORT. CONCUR IN MISSION PROPOSALS PARA 5 REF H.

-- ITEM IV - DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION, 18-19 MAY. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

-- FURTHER TO ITEM IA. YOU SHOULD CONCUR BUT WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: IN PARA 4, CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ "... HARMONIZE INITIALLY ON PROBLEMS RATHER THAN SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS AS A MEANS ...". IN PARA 14 WE QUESTION PARENTHETICAL COMMENT. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WG-4 OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS STILL ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

-- FURTHER TO AGENDA ITEM II, IF QUESTION OF US NAVAL PROGRAMS IS RAISED AMBASSADOR SHOULD INDICATE ONLY THAT WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON US MARITIME PROGRAMS IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THE 1978 DEFENSE REVIEW AND THAT ANY RELEVANT DISCUSSION WILL OF COURSE BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN WASHINGTON.
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